

TIES School Council Meeting - October 6, 2020

6:00 p.m. - Teams Meeting

Minutes

Present: Bobbi Moore, Christopher Hannah, Nancy Holman, Danielle Deryaw, Andrea Phillips, Dawn Foley, Farrah Hedderson, Sophie Walpot, Emily Raymond, Kimberly Kent, Chantaille Buczynski, Shawn Warren, Tina Heurter

Welcome and Introductions: Nancy Holman Slideshow

1. **Approval of Minutes - May 19, 2019 and approval of Agenda**

Minutes approved by Danielle Deryaw and seconded by Bobbi Moore

Agenda approved by Danielle Deryaw and seconded by Bobbi Moore

2. **Elections**

Bobbi Moore - Chair

Danielle Deryaw - Secretary

Leeanne Kee -Treasurer

Council Members:

Andrea Phillips, Jason Page, Kimberly Kent, Sarah Mesman, Chantaille Buczynski, Lauren Gordon, Dawn Foley, Casey Lappan, Jessica Mangan, Emily Raymond (Student), Sophie Walpot (Student), Farrah Hedderson (Student), Shawn Warren (Teaching Staff), Tina Heuter (Non-Teaching Staff), Lori Sceviour (Non-Teaching Staff), Christopher Hannah (Vice-Principal), Nancy Holman (Principal).

3. **Principal's Report - Nancy Holman and Christopher Hannah**

Review the role of School Council, the roles of the members, election and terms of office.

Staffing for 2020-2021 includes: 1 Office Administrator, a new ½ time Office Assistant, 15 homerooms, 19 teachers, 6 EAs and 3 RECEs. We have a vacancy in the grade 1/2 French Immersion classroom and grade 3/4 classroom that we are in the process of filling.

The focus of August and September has been on ensuring all Public Health Guidelines are in place for a safe school start up for students and staff. Procedures include:

- Cohorting (each classroom is a cohort)
- Physical distancing in classrooms, hallways and on the yard – there are signs in the hallways, on the floors, on the pavement and in the classrooms to remind students of physical distancing
- Staggered recess times
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing routines – signs are posted in all washrooms, at entrances to the school and in classrooms. Hand sanitizing stations are located at each entrance, in each classroom and outside each washroom.

- Disinfecting and cleaning processes have been increased. We have additional custodial time at TIES.
- Drop off and pick up routines
- Wellness Room access
- Scheduled outdoor education time for each classroom
- Masks – all students grades 3-6 must wear a mask; students in grades Kindergarten to grade 2 are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Only students and staff may enter the school building. If your child arrives late or needs to be picked up early, please phone the school or ring the doorbell at the school and the office staff will be able to assist you. We ask that, if you need to pick up your child early, you do so before 3:00pm to ensure that we have a safe dismissal of all students. All parents must wear a mask on school property.

Families are to complete the Student Self-Assessment “COVID 19 Screening Tool” daily. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> This tool will help explain next steps if your child is showing symptoms.

There is a Public Health Hotline that is available to families if they have any questions about COVID 19: 1-866-236-0123. It is available Monday to Friday 7:00am-4:30pm and on Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm

My Family Room is an important tool for families to sign up for to receiving School and School Board information and emails. Please encourage everyone to sign up at www.myfamilyroom.ca

Remote Learning Options for 2020-2021:

- Synchronous Learning – students access classroom teacher through a UCDSB platform (TEAMS, D2L, UCDSB email) and connect with the classroom in real-time through the audio, visual and chat features. Kindergarten = 180 minutes and Grades 1-6 = 225 minutes of Synchronous Learning daily.

4. **Student Report - Farrah, Sophie & Emily**

Positive thoughts:

- Being able to see friend in person;
- They feel healthier, more active, happy to be back and enjoying outdoor learning;
- Teachers doing great at sanitizing and they really appreciate their teachers for all the are doing.

Challenges:

- They miss seeing students in other classrooms
- Wearing masks but they do understand it is helping and keeping them safe

5. **Staff Report - Shawn Warren**

- So far it has been a very positive experience being back. Staff is so happy to be back as it was such a long time away for teachers. They are happy to see the kids face to face and the others joining from home.
- The teachers are very proud of the students - they are all trying really hard to follow the new protocols, social distancing and hand sanitizing.

- The student well being is very important and teachers and children are having chats about what everyone is doing outside of school to stay safe.

Updates from some of the teachers:

Mrs. Easton and Mme. Cain

It is the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run and they are encouraging classes to do 40 of “something” to celebrate! Some classes are getting very creative with different exercises and one class made 40 kindness cards for people in their lives.

Mrs. Zaky

They are spending a lot more time sitting, students are adapting well even though it's a challenge for them. Overall the kids are doing great. Staff would like to thank all of the parents for all their patience as they work through all of the new roles.

Mrs. Heuter

EA's are finding it very different with no cuddling and being completely hands off. It is harder for the littles but everyone is managing.

6. **Days to mark on your calendar**

October 7 - hat day

October 12 - Thanksgiving

October 23 - IEP's sent home

November 11 - Progress Report cards

7. **Next Steps**

- Trying to think ahead at what it will look like for indoor shoes and winter clothes, recess equipment for cohorts, grab and go snack program
- How can we support families in need? Is there a way that we can do some virtual fundraising for winter clothes and the food bank?
- It was mentioned that maybe we could try to fundraise through My Family Room - Nancy to ask Sylvia if that is possible.

8. **Fundraising**

There will not be any traditional fundraising like previous years. We will come back to the fundraising as the year goes on to see what we are able to do.

9. **Treasurer Report**

No current bank balance. We will check to see where we are sitting and see if we will be in a position to put some money towards new equipment and games etc. for each cohort. At this point we will not be putting the field trip money in so we may have that to spread around. Nancy confirmed that she will match whatever council puts in.

10. **Approvals**

Payment of the insurance for the year - approved

Grade 6 send off lunch if possible or shirts like last year - approved

Purchase of chips for the kids for halloween - approved through e-mail

Gananoque Book Drive - not approved at this time. Will come back to this if it is something that goes ahead this year.

\$15 per student field trip funds - not approved at this time.

Next meeting is November 10th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

